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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Applicant hereby appeals the Examiner's decision made in the Final Office Action dated November 16, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-23 and 26-36. Applicant previously requested and paid \$1,020.00 for a three-month extension of time with their Rule 116 Amendment filed contemporaneously herewith, so that the three-month response period is extended from February 16, 2007 to May 16, 2007.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized, as necessary and/or appropriate, to charge payment of any other fees (including any additional claim fees and/or extension fees) required, arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account number **11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP.**

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge the payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 41.20(b)(1) Notice of Appeal fee of \$500.00, to **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600.** Any additional fees deemed necessary should also be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

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